



STATE OF DELAWARE
STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION
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STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting

October 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

David J. Roberts, Chairman
Alan Robinson, Jr., Vice Chairman
Tom DiCristofaro
Ron Marvel
Lynn Truitt
Marvin C. Sharp
Ted Walius

ALSO PRESENT

Patricia Davis, Deputy Attorney General
Patrick Matthews M.D., BLS Medical Director
Sherry Lambertson, Executive Specialist
David J. Truax, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Grover P. Ingle, State Fire Marshal
Robert P. Newnam, Director, State Fire School

GUESTS

Charles Frampton, Brandywine Hundred Fire Co.
Warren Jones, DVFA
Anthony Spiezio, DTI
Richard Toulson, Seaford Fire Co.
Jennifer Knox, Cheswold Fire Co.
Elmer Steele, DVFA
Richard Perillo, DVFA
Jay Jones, DVFA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held for former Delaware State Fire School Director Louis J. Amabili.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Dicristofaro, and seconded by Commissioner Truitt that the minutes of the September 19, 2017 Commission meeting be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

REGULAR BUSINESS

REPORT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Personnel Items

Fire Marshal Ingle reported that a tentative offer has been made for the Deputy Fire Marshal I position in New Castle County. If the candidate accepts the offer, Fire Marshal Ingle will move to the next level for medical and psychological testing. This process should be completed within the next two months.

Postings have concluded for the Fire Protection Specialist I position in Sussex County and an Administrative Specialist I in New Castle County. Interviews will be scheduled from the list received from Human Resource.

Fire Marshal Ingle reported that he did not post the vacant Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Coordinator position yet. He is taking the time to look at the duties and responsibilities of the position before proceeding.

FY 2019 Budget Target Meeting

Fire Marshal Ingle reported that the FY 2019 Budget Target Meeting went well. The agency is requesting funds for the ongoing licensing of the software programs and for computer replacement.

FY 2019 Public Budget Hearing

The FY 2019 Public Budget hearing is scheduled for November 7th. Fire Marshal Ingle will make the same budget request as made at the agency target meeting.

DTI Update

Fire Marshal Ingle reported that his agency continues to work with DTI on the program that is being developed for the agency. Program testing has taken place, but unfortunately it didn't go as anticipated. Both DTI and the agency need to come together to better understand how the agency works and what they are looking for. Fire Marshal Ingle has requested that the team leaders meet once again to make sure that this one program that will take care of three agency functions is a usable product.

Representative Miro Meeting – Fireworks

Fire Marshal Ingle and Chairman Roberts met with Representative Miro with regard to House Bill 53 to discuss details of the fireworks bill. Fire Marshal Ingle and Assistant Fire Marshal Chionchio are working with Representative Miro. Fire Marshal Ingle's position has not changed from previous years. He is not in favor of changing the law to allow sparklers or fireworks in Delaware. No one else has taken a position on this. The fireworks manufacture is trying to sell that sparklers are safe and Fire Marshal Ingle will not change his stance that they are in fact not safe. As a Fire Marshal for the state of Delaware, it is his obligation to represent the position of the agency. Chairman Roberts reported that Representative Miro asked what the Fire Prevention Commissions stance was on the legislation. Chairman Roberts stated that they were in agreement with the Fire Marshal Ingle's stance and supports his opposition to House Bill 53. Chairman Roberts stated if the bill is defeated, it is because the fire service is not supporting it. The fire service will have to determine if they are going to support this cause.

It was moved by Commissioner Sharp, seconded by Commissioner Dicristofaro to continue to oppose legislation that supports sparklers and other fireworks. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Meeting – OMB Fiscal & Policy Analyst

Fire Marshal Ingle met with the agencies newly appointed Fiscal and Policy Analyst on October 9th to introduce her to the details of his agency and what they do.

Fire Updates

On September 23, 2017, there was a structure fire in the Christiana fire district at approximately 4:00 a.m. There were heavy fire conditions upon arrival of the fire department. The individuals in the structure were able to escape without injury. The on call Deputy responded and determined the fire to be arson. Under the supervision of Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Fox additional Deputies were called to the scene to assist with the scene examination and search warrant execution. As a result of their hard work the person responsible for setting the fire was arrested that same day.

DFIRS Incidents Received

TOTAL STATE PARTICIPATION IN COMPLIANCE			
72 %			
DELINQUENT DEPARTMENTS			
New Castle County			
Cranston Heights		April – July	
Five Points		April – June & August	
Holloway Terrace		August	
Townsend		April – August	
Port Penn		August	
Wilmington Manor		August	
Kent County			
Bowers		January – March, May – August	
Camden-Wyoming		August	
Cheswold		January – June & August	
Dover		August	
Hartly		August	
Little Creek		July – August	
Magnolia		July – August	
South Bowers		May - August	
Sussex County			
Ellendale		March – August	
Gumboro		July – August	
Memorial		August	
OVERDUE REPORTS BY DAYS			
30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	90+ Days
7	3	0	7

Source: DFIRS Incidents received as of 10/04/17.

REPORT OF THE STATE FIRE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Director

- Base Budget FY19 meeting and met new Budget Analyst
 - FY19 Operating Budget and Capital Budget – A copy was provided for Commissioners review.
- Budget Hearing – November 7th – 1400
- Student Injuries
 - Basic F.F. Skills,
 - Classroom, nose bleed – transported KGH
 - Ladders – knee, refused services – climbing
 - Ladders - nose bleed, refused transport – walked into ladder while raising
 - Ladders – shoulder, refused services – lowering ladder
 - Ladders - shoulder, refused transport – lowering ladder
 - Drags/Carries – back, refused services
 - BFFS – student incident – currently under review
 - In-service – SCBA – Smoke House
 - Fell down stairway – shoulder, concussion, finger – transported KCH
- Attended the North American Training Directors Conference. Director Newnam reported that the conference went well.
- Director Newnam thanked everyone for their participation in the ceremonies for Director Louis J. Amabili.
- WFD Academy - NCD begins October 31 - EMT conducted first, followed by FF1 & 2
- Basic F. F. Skills – Haz. Mat. Awareness Pro Board Test – 89% passed (97 of 109)
- NFA – Delaware weekend is being rescheduled for the Fall of 2018.

Staff Activities

- Coordinated activities for Fire Prevention – Lowe
 - Press Releases sent to media contacts for Fire Prevention Week
 - WGMD Radio in Rehoboth Beach for an interview
 - Delmarva Broadcasting Guest on their weekly Public Affairs show. On WAFL (Milford) & WSTW (Wilmington)
 - Interview by WDEL Television at an event at Delmarva Power in Newark.
- NFA – National Firefighters Memorial Weekend – Wilson
- Services for Louis J. Amabili – DSFS Staff
- November 12-17 – 1081 class Texas A&M – Brennan
- Progressive Ag Safety Day 2017 – Lowe
- Firehouse Expo, Nashville Tn. – Oct. 16-22 – Ingram, Dempsey
- SERT Response – 10-11-17 - RT 1, Tanker - Sta. 26 district – PIO – Dempsey

Programs/Courses

Figures in red are reference to last year's comparison of class attendance.

- Current Month
 - Hazardous Materials Response Skills – 61 students (73)
 - Aerial Operations – 6 students (11)
 - Basic Brigade Skills – 40 students (17)
 - Healthcare – 40 students (12)
 - EVO – Sussex Division – 14 students (15)
 - Vehicle Rescue – 28 students (22)
 - ICS 300 – 7 students (7)
 - RIT Advanced – 0 students – cancelled
 - Driver Operator – 29 students (19)
 - Brigade II – Intermediate – 2 students (4 – cancelled)
 - Structural Fire Fighting Skills – 33 students (40)
 - Firefighter Self Survival – 8 students (22)
 - Wildfire – S190 – 4 students
 - Fire Officer I – blended learning course – 19 students
 - Vehicle Rescue – 16 students
 - Confined Space Rescue – weekend – 22 students (9)
 - Brigade – Advanced Exterior 13 students (15)
 - Ind. Confined Space Rescue Refresher – *cancelled* third year – in-service only in 2018
- Divisions Usage
 - New Castle – 21 classes scheduled (12)
 - Kent Division – 14 classes scheduled (7)
 - Sussex Division – 4 classes scheduled (5)

EMS

- Current Month
 - CEU programs – 8 programs
 - Stretchers Van Transport Fundamentals
 - EMR – Kent - weekend - 7 students
 - EMR – weekday – 23 students (6)
 - EMR – Refresher
 - NCD – 3 students (3), KCD – 3 students (7), SCD – 0 students (9)

Public Education and Injury Prevention - Activity Report

- Current Month
 - Fire Safety Programs – 3 scheduled (9)
 - DSFS Tours – 16 scheduled (12)
 - Fire Safety Displays - 9 scheduled (9)
 - Injury Prevention Programs – Injury Prevention Events – 43 scheduled (36)
- Scheduled Shawn Simons - "After the Fire" Motivational and Fire Safety Speaker for Feb. 24, 2018

Maintenance – Building and Grounds

- State Mail Boxes installed at the Divisions – outside in wall

Financial

- Past Due Billings
 - 30 days – 3,732.00
 - 60 days – 1,350.00
- 20678 Tuition Fund – 733,434.00
- Accounts receivable – 36,397.00
- Revenue Comparison
 - Tuition – 2017 – 0, 2016 – 0
- Special Funds Summary – The Special Funds Summary report was submitted to the Commissioners for review.
- Expenditure Report – The Expenditure report was submitted to the Commissioners for review.

Personnel Issues

- Instructor P.J. Gosch – Heart Surgery on September 28, 2017 and has been placed on the inactive list.
- Instructor Al Faring – Passed on October 1, 2017.
- Chris Murabito is out on medical leave and anticipated to return on November 13, 2017.

Staff and Office Staff Meeting Minutes

Staff and office staff meeting minutes were submitted for Commission review.

Scheduled Activities

Director Newnam will be out of the state from October 20th – 22nd.

REPORT OF BLS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

1. An abstract regarding the characteristics of DE EMS refusals has been accepted for presentation at the January 2018 annual NAEMSP conference. Over 155,000 EMS encounters from 2016 were reviewed and 8% resulted in refusal of service. 36% of refusals were diabetic-related complaints, and 29% of refusals were MVCs. Men refused more often than women, and highest refusal season was Summer. Age greater than or equal to 65 showed the lowest rate of refusal.
2. Narcan program-I previously released a memo to all BLS agencies regarding proper naloxone administration during our continued opiate overuse epidemic. There had been reports circulating regarding BLS administering 2mg of naloxone to patients in cardiac arrest without first initiating proper CPR. The goals of this memo were to stress managing ABCs first and administer naloxone per protocol when ABCs are being managed appropriately. Additionally naloxone should be administered as 1 mg dose per administration by BLS. Although some of the more potent opiate combinations may require additional doses of naloxone for successful reversal of respiratory depression, no single dose should be higher than 1 mg for BLS. The higher dosing of naloxone can pose multiple risks to both patients and EMS providers. I have not received any recent concerns regarding the timing of narcan administration by BLS providers. Claymont Fire Company will now carry Narcan. Unfortunately, large number of opioid overdoses continue to take place.
3. There remains active interest in an alternative to the increased cost of Epipens for participating BLS agencies. There are now FDA approved epinephrine autoinjectors with the same dosing (0.3mg and 0.15mg for junior) available through Southeastern Medical. **No updates**
4. ED trauma designation: NCC Wilmington ED has been granted provisional level 3 trauma center status effective October 5, 2016. CDC guidelines for field triage of injured patients and DE protocols should be followed when determining most appropriate destination for trauma victims. Online medical control should be contacted for appropriate ED preparation. **No updates**
5. Divert memo-I am also releasing a memo to all BLS agencies regarding a guidance "script" approved by OEMS for use by EMS throughout Delaware when a patient requests transport to an ED on divert. The goal of this message is to describe the concept of divert status to patients

requesting transport to an emergency department on divert using clear and concise language in a consistent fashion throughout the State. **No updates**

6. EMS response to MAUs and Physician office document. This document is being distributed to MAUs and offices throughout the State as of February. The document contains several definitions and aims to establish and describe a statewide policy and procedures when patients are being transported from MAUs or outpatient offices. **No update**
7. There is no way to determine what the influenza season will look like, but it looks as though we will experience a robust flu season. Dr. Matthews advocates for all of the providers to get their flu shots and continue to use surveillance for any influenza like illnesses. We want to protect both providers and patients.

REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATOR/COMPLIANCE OFFICER

11 Annual Ambulance Unit Inspections
3 New Unit Inspections
3 Complaints Received
2 Arrest Notifications were received.
0 Self Report

2016 – 1 Open Cases
2017 – 15 Open Cases

Investigator Truax requested a hearing date of November 21, 2017 for Case No. 1717. It was moved by Commissioner Marvel, seconded by Commissioner Dicristofaro to set a November 21, 2017 hearing date for Case No. 1717. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

REGULAR BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

Scratch Report – Third Quarter

Commissioner Dicristofaro reviewed the third quarter scratch report with the commissioner's. Chairman Roberts feels it is important to set a guideline for by-pass in the near future. He feels that it has grown far outside of what its original intent was. The original intent was for a company that has two ambulances who knew they weren't going to get their second ambulance out. It wasn't intended to be used for a company that has one ambulance, to put it out of service so they can take a fire call. The intent has been expanded over the years to circumvent the scratch report. It's time for the commission to start looking into a solution.

Scratch Report – Third Quarter cont.

It was moved by Commissioner Dicristofaro, seconded by Vice Chairman Robinson to call Bowers Fire Company to the November 21, 2017 meeting to discuss their scratch rate. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chairman/Vice Chairman Election

It was moved by Commissioner Dicristofaro, seconded by Commissioner Sharp to nominate David Roberts as Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission. Chairman Roberts declined the nomination.

It was moved by Chairman Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Dicristofaro to nominate Alan Robinson as Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission. Nominations closed. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Commissioner Alan Robinson is the newly elected Chairman of the Fire Prevention Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Sharp, seconded by Commissioner Dicristofaro to nominate Ron Marvel as Vice Chairman of the State Fire Prevention Commission. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Commissioner Ron Marvel is the newly elected Vice Chairman of the Fire Prevention Commission.

Discussion of Possible Legislative Change – Temporary Emergency Suspension

Deputy Attorney General Davis discussed proposed legislation for the purpose of temporary emergency suspensions by the Fire Prevention Commission. This would allow the Commission to temporarily suspend an EMT prior to a hearing for the purpose of protecting the public. The main change to current statute would be that currently the Commission can temporarily suspend on a felony charge and will now look for an action or charge that is a clear and immediate danger to the safety and welfare of the public. The Commission agreed with moving forward with the updates.

NEW BUSINESS

No report at this time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No report at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

No report at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

No report at this time.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ron Marvel

Commissioner Marvel reported that he attended the Monthly Fire Prevention Commission Meeting, Kent County Meeting, Sussex Chiefs Meeting, SVFD Meeting, Seaford Fire Company Meeting, EAC Callboard Meeting, Fireman Funeral Meeting, Funeral for Director Louis J. Amabili.

Commissioner Marvin Sharp

Commissioner Sharp reported that he attended the Monthly Fire Prevention Commission Meeting, Sussex County Fireman's Association Meeting, and Funeral for Director Louis J. Amabili.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

November 21, 2017 – 9:00 AM
Commission Chamber
Delaware Fire Service Center
1463 Chestnut Grove Road
Dover, DE 19904

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dicristofaro, and seconded by Commissioner Truitt that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry R. Lambertson

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Executive Specialist

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